

**Town Manager's Office  
Town of Mansfield**

# Memo

Date: February 27, 2017  
Re: Town Manager's Report

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Below please find my report concerning various items of interest to the Town Council, the staff, and the community:

## **Council Business**

- *Crumbling Foundations in Connecticut* – Mayor Shapiro will represent us at the State Capitol tomorrow and attend the General Assembly's public hearing regarding crumbling foundations. Prior to the public hearing, the CRCOG Ad-Hoc Working Committee on Crumbling Foundations will hold a press conference which Mayor Shapiro will also attend. CRCOG has asked municipal officials to attend both events to help demonstrate the magnitude of this issue.
- *School Facility Planning for Mansfield Public Schools* - During the 2015-16 school year, the Mansfield Board of Education (MBOE), with much input from our community, articulated a vision and strategic plan for the Mansfield Schools. Mansfield Public Schools is now partnering with District Management Group (DMGroup), a Boston-based firm, to assist in the development of a long-term vision and aspirational goals for our facilities to best meet the needs of today's learners. As part of this project, DMGroup will assist Mansfield in gathering information, opinions, and perspectives from district staff, families, and the community about current performance and needs, as well as their aspirations for the future of Mansfield Public Schools. Information will be gathered through focus groups and interviews from March 13<sup>th</sup> through the 14<sup>th</sup> and will include some open forum, town hall-style meetings with the public. Based on the information gathered from all constituents, an appointed committee will then help develop the aspirational goals and vision for the future of Mansfield Public Schools. Once a draft vision and goals has been developed by the committee, this will be shared with the broader community through multiple feedback sessions to allow district staff, students, families, and community members the opportunity to provide feedback and ask questions. After incorporating this feedback and finalizing the plan, key steps for successful implementation of the defined vision and goals will be identified. Open community sessions to gather the thoughts of residents will be held on Monday, March 13 at 7:00 PM in the Mansfield Middle School Cafeteria and 8:30 AM on Tuesday, March 14 in Council Chamber at Town Hall. DMGroup will host a focus group for Town Council members on Tuesday, March 14 from 4:30-5:15 PM in Conference Room B of the Town Hall.

## **Upcoming Events**

- *Storrs Farmers Market* – Eat local all winter long! Storrs Farmers Market offers locally-grown vegetables, meats, cheeses, and more year-round. Storrs Winter Farmers Market is open twice a month in the Buchanan Auditorium of the Mansfield Public Library from 3:00 – 5:00 PM on the following dates: March 4 and 18; April 8 and 22. Learn more at: [storrsfarmersmarket.org](http://storrsfarmersmarket.org).

## **Upcoming Meetings\***

- Traffic Authority, February 28, 2017, 9:00 AM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Climate Action Task Force, February 28, 2017, 7:00 PM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Ordinance Development and Review Subcommittee, March 2, 2017, 7:30 AM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Regulatory Review Committee, March 2, 2017, 8:30 AM, Council Chamber, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Mansfield Downtown Partnership Board of Directors, March 2, 2017, 4:00 PM, Council Chamber, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building

- Inland-Wetland Agency & Planning and Zoning Commission, March 6, 2017, 6:30 PM, Council Chamber, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Agriculture Committee, March 7, 2017, 7:00 PM, Conference Room C, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Four Corners Sewer and Water Advisory Committee, March 7, 2017, 7:00 PM, Council Chamber, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Sustainability Committee, March 8, 2017, 5:30 PM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Regulatory Review Committee, March 9, 2017, 8:30 AM, Council Chamber, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Ad Hoc Committee on Police Services, March 9, 2017, 5:00 PM, Council Chamber, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Housing Code Board of Appeals, March 13, 2017, 5:00 PM, Conference Room C, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Solid Waste Advisory Committee Meeting, March 13, 2017, 6:30 PM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Town Council, March 13, 2017, 7:00 PM, Council Chamber, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building

*\*Meeting dates/times are subject to change. Please view the [Town Calendar](#) or contact the Town Clerk's Office at 860-429-3302 for a complete and up-to-date listing of committee meetings.*